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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William P. Clark
Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Management of Public Diplomacy Relative to
National Security

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum of 30 November 1982, same
subject

1. I have reviewed with interest the draft NSDD on Management of Public Diplomacy Relative to National Security, including the proposed responsibilities of the Special Planning Group (SPG), contained in the referenced memorandum. As we have discussed in our previous meetings on this subject, I agree most decidedly on the need, expressed in your memorandum, for more effective governmental instrumentalities to deal with public diplomacy and informational challenges we face in the national interest.

2. From this Agency's standpoint, please be assured that I stand ready to support the work of the SPG and its proposed working committees, in providing, with other members of the Intelligence Community, appropriate intelligence support. While such support would presumably not entail formal Agency membership in SPG entities formulating and implementing national policy, CIA is prepared to participate when foreign intelligence and counterintelligence support is required and/or when activities relevant to Presidential Findings are discussed, consistent with the Agency's legal and proper role under existing law.

3. My purpose in stating the above considerations is to stress my desire to make a positive contribution to this most worthwhile undertaking without actively participating in the policy and public implementation aspects foreseen under this draft NSDD. I look forward to joining you and other addressees of your memorandum in this important endeavor.

7s/ William J. Casey

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